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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE SEAGRAM FUND FOR ACADEMIC INNOVATION 1991-92

The Seagram Fund for Academic Innovation is holding its second annual competition. This programme will provide seed support for interdisciplinary projects involving research or academic development of national or international significance, which will enhance the pursuit of excellence at Concordia University.

Examples of topics of interest include: the development of science policy in Canada; curriculum renewal that is inclusive of women, aboriginal peoples and cultural communities in Canada; promotion of literacy among the general public with respect to language, culture and science; research on higher education in Canada, such as the process of life-long learning, the emerging need of the Canadian population and the changing university student body; interdisciplinary research in areas of vital interest to Canada, such as the environment, the impact of technology, employment and urbanisation.

The total sum available for disbursement is approximately $150,000 annually. While no minimum amount for each award has been set, it is anticipated that a small number of awards will be made. Awards are made for a two-year period. Interested candidates are invited to contact the Office of Research Services for an application form (4888). The deadline date for this competition is **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1991.**

DEC-CONCORDIA EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Digital Equipment of Canada has announced a second competition for the 1991-92 year. This programme offers partial grants to researchers at Concordia for the purchase of DEC equipment to be used for research activity. The purpose of these grants is to foster research and applications development which will promote the increased use of Digital products.

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DEC-CONCORDIA EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME (cont'd)

Under the terms of the DEC-Concordia Agreement, funding of approved projects will be in the form of allowances to be used in the purchase of Digital products required for the projects. The net charge to the university for any product is the base price of the product less the allowance. Allowances will be provided at a rate of fifty-seven and a half percent (57.5%) of the Digital base price prevailing at the time of ordering the product. Applicants are invited to contact Elizabeth Laett, our DEC representative, for information regarding current list prices (748-3645).

Individual faculty, teams or units intending to apply must submit a Letter of Intent to the Office of Research Services by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1992.** Transmission of the Letter of Intent should, if possible, be sent to the Project Management Committee (PMC) via electronic mail to the attention of the Office of Research Services: **ctawtel@vax2.concordia.ca.**

The precise information which must be addressed in the Letter of Intent is available from the Office of Research Services.

The following schedule will apply:

JANUARY 15, 1992	Submission of Letters of Intent
FEBRUARY 29, 1992	Proposal submission deadline
MARCH 17, 1992	PMC Review Committee meets
APRIL 1, 1992	Final Decisions announced

CALENDAR OF GRANTING AGENCIES

Please be reminded that there is a Calendar of Granting Agencies available from your Department Chairperson. The Calendar is updated quarterly, and it contains brief descriptions of all of the research grant material held in the Office of Research Services. There are also sections on Fellowships and Travel. It is the intention of ORS to eventually have this information available as an on-line inquiry service available from our office. When using the Calendar, please remember that some of the dates may be those from previous years, and therefore may be different in the current year.

GRANTING AGENCIES - NOTICES & REMINDERS

SSHRC

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM SSHRC - THIS YEARS' COMPETITION (1992-93)

In Part C, Section 2 (page 5 - Qualifications and Experience: Record of Achievement) of the application form, under the heading "Title of document", more than the title is required. Researchers are asked to include the full authorship, and the name and volume of the publication along with the title. SSHRC has apologized for the difficulty this section has been causing, and has requested that University Research Offices clear up this question with applicants.

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS - DEADLINE CHANGE

In 1990, SSHRC and DIAND (Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) launched the Aboriginal Affairs Joint Initiative. This year, the deadline for submission of applications to ORS is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1991**. Please note that this is earlier than last year's date. Applications must be submitted on the standard SSHRC application form for thematic programmes.

HEALTH PROMOTION - NEW PROGRAMME

SSHRC and NHRDP (National Health Research and Development Programme) have launched a joint initiative to support research in the field of health promotion. The purpose of this initiative is to establish up to five (5) Health Promotion Centres. Research undertaken at these Centres will encourage those who work within and beyond traditional health care, government and academic structures to develop new and innovative approaches to health promotion. Each Centre will receive up to $100,000 a year for five years. Interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of intent to ORS no later than **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1991**. Please contact ORS (4888) for further information.

NSERC

EQUIPMENT - G.S.T.

The 7% GST came into effect January 1, 1991 and is applicable to most items of equipment applied for under NSERC's equipment grant programmes. AUCC has successfully negotiated a 67% rebate of the GST on equipment purchased by universities, resulting in an actual GST of 2.31% for applicants. Therefore, if you are applying to NSERC, please clearly indicate as a separate line item in the budgets of your equipment grant application, the amount (in dollars) and the percent (2.31%) being requested for GST.

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME - NEW FACULTY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The purpose of this programme is to assist universities, jointly with industry, to recruit and establish highly qualified persons who have not previously held a tenure-track position in the Canadian university system into junior level faculty positions in research areas of strategic interest to industry. Candidates must be eligible for appointment at the assistant professor level (or higher) in a tenured or tenure-track position, and they should normally have obtained their Ph.D. within the past five years. For complete application packages please contact ORS (4888).

ELECTRONIC FORMS (E-FORMS) - GRANT APPLICATION FORMS

The major granting councils are presently working together toward the long-term objective of electronic grant submission. As an early stage of this project, NSERC, in conjunction with École Polytechnique, has made available to the research community a WordPerfect 5.1 version of NSERC application forms 100 and 101. The forms are easily completed on-line, and will provide a welcome alternative to formatting your own applications.

Please note that in using these electronic forms, you should not send NSERC the diskette, but rather the paper copy in the required number of copies.

The E-Forms can be transmitted electronically or by disk (3.5" or 5-1/4") to any applicant. Interested parties should submit a request via e-mail to **ctawtel@garnet.concordia.ca** or by telephone or forward a blank diskette to the Office of Research Services in order that we may transfer copies of the E-Forms to you.

Unfortunately, neither NSERC nor École Polytechnique can provide support if you encounter difficulty in using these forms. A readme.fst file is included with the E-Forms, and the Office of Research Services will endeavour to provide limited support in their use.

CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP & FELLOWSHIP PLAN

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS:

This year, Concordia University is eligible for a 1993-94 Research Fellowship. The purpose of these Fellowships is to bring scholars of established reputations to Canadian universities, for a period of one academic year. There are three (3) Fellowships offered for 1993-94, tenable between April 1, 1993 and March 31, 1994. The application deadline is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1991.**

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS:

This year Concordia University is hosting Dr. Susan Malvern from the United Kingdom (Art Education), as a Visiting Fellow. Since universities may not host Fellows in two consecutive years, we are NOT eligible to submit an application for a Visiting Fellow in this year's competition.

MULTICULTURALISM & CITIZENSHIP CANADA

ASSISTANCE TO AUDIO-VISUAL PROJECTS:

The objective of the assistance programme is to encourage and broaden public awareness of Canada's social and cultural heritage. It supports projects that, within the Canadian context, strengthen and share ethnocultural heritage and reflect aspects of such experience in Canada. The programme seeks to improve and promote audio-visual material in these subject areas. Proposals must reach ORS by **MAY 8** and **NOVEMBER 23** of each year.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME:

The objective of this programme is as above, with priority going to skill development projects and projects that promote cross-cultural sharing. There are three major areas to which this programme is directed: 1) to promote cultural expressions in various performing and visual art forms undertaken by minority cultural groups and/or individuals; 2) to improve the artistic, performing and technical skills of groups and individuals; and 3) to promote the expression of social issues and concerns of importance to Multiculturalism through the medium of one of the performing and visual arts. Applications should reach the Multicultural programme at least **four (4) months before** the starting date of the project.

WRITING AND PUBLICATIONS PROJECTS:

The Heritage Cultures and Languages Programme encourages and supports projects and activities of a historical or literary nature which contribute to the promotion, development and maintenance of the concept and reality of the cultural diversity of Canadian society. Writing and publications fall into six (6) categories: research, writing and/or editing; publications; promotional activities; special issues of magazines or journals; sample translation; and translation. Deadline for application to this programme is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1991.**

Detailed descriptions for the above Multiculturalism Programmes are available from ORS (4888).

INSTITUTE FOR RISK RESEARCH

The Institute for Risk Research (IRR) offers grants to both graduate students and faculty and is funded by sponsor contributions from many organizations, private and public. The aims of the programme are: to develop interest in risk problems by experts in associated research areas; to support Risk Management in Canada; and to establish IRR as a national force for risk management. Research areas include: risk communication; environmental risk; risk assessment methods; risk and decision-making; and technology assessment and risk management. There are three (3) deadlines, as follows: **OCTOBER 8, FEBRUARY 8** and **JUNE 8**. Application forms are available from ORS (4888).

DIRECTORY OF CURRENT HIV/AIDS RESEARCH IN CANADA 1988-1991

The Centre for Aids Studies has recently published the first edition of a directory listing past and present research dealing with HIV and/or AIDS. They also have a database that they wish to keep current by asking researchers who are doing related work to please let us know so that we may forward them the information. Should anyone wish to order his/her own copy of the directory, s/he may do so by sending $25.00 (U.S.) to:

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